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1. JOAQUIM CHISSANO, PRIME MINISTER OF MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL
GOVERNMENT (MTG), ARRIVED DAR ES SALAAM FEBRUARY 13 AT HEAD OF
FOUR-MAN DELEGATION INCLUDING ALBERTO CHIPANDE, LEADER OF
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FRELIMO SIDE OF JOINT DEFENSE COMMITTEE, JOAQUIM CARVALHO,

LEADER OF FRELIMO SIDE OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE,
AND LUIS BERNARDO HONWANA, HIS SECRETARY (TITLES AS
TRANSLATED FROM SWAHILI).

2. ACCORDING TO SWAHILI LANGUAGE PRESS, CHISSANO TOLD
NEWSMEN THAT THIS WAS HIS SECOND VISIT TO TANZANIA SINCE
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT TOOK OFFICE, AND THAT HE AND HIS
COMPANIONS HAD LEFT MOZAMBIQUE IN A GREATLY CALMER
ATMOSPHERE THAN THAT WHICH PREVAILED AT THE TIME OF
HIS FIRST VISIT. THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY WAS MUCH
BETTER THAN IT HAD BEEN WHEN THE MTG TOOK OFFICE BECAUSE
PEOPLE ARE COMMITTED TO THE DUTY OF WORK, THUS ENABLING
RAPID PROGRESS IN A FEW MONTHS. ASKED ABOUT THE FLIGHT
OF EXPERTS, CHISSANO SAID THIS WAS NOT A BIG PROBLEM.
"THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY LEFT ARE A FEW REACTIONARIES
WHO DID NOT WANT US TO GET INDEPENDENCE. THEY THINK WE
SHALL SUFFER MORE WHEN THEY GO. LET THEM GO. AND WE
SHALL NOT HESITATE TO EXPEL ALL THOSE WHO WORK AGAINST
OUR DEVELOPMENT." HE ADDED THAT "IT IS MUCH BETTER TO
HAVE PROBLEMS THAN REACTIONARIES." MANY WHITES, HE SAID,
ARE RETURNING TO MOZAMBIQUE AFTER RECOGNIZING THAT IT HAD
BEEN A MISTAKE FOR THEM TO FLEE. "THUS IT IS NOT A LARGE
NUMBER WHO HAVE DECIDED TO LEAVE, AND FRELIMO WILL STILL
CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO TELL SENSIBLE ONES TO REMAIN."

3. CHISSANO SAID FRELIMO WOULD SHORTLY HOLD A MEETING
OF CITIZENS FROM ALL DISTRICTS TO EXCHANGE PARTY IDEAS.
THIS WAS IMPORTANT SINCE MOZAMBIQUE IS LED BY FRELIMO.
AT FIRST THE EFFORT TO SPREAD THE PARTY HAD TAKEN PLACE
IN THE WAR DISTRICTS, BUT NOW ALL CITIZENS UNDERSTOOD
WHAT FRELIMO AND ITS PRINCIPLES WERE.

4. CHISSANO WAS MET BY TANZANIAN PRIME MINISTER KAWAWA,
AND BY FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS.

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5. COMMENT: CHISSANO'S COMMENT ABOUT MEETING OF CITIZENS UNDOUBTEDLY
REFERS TO FRELIMO PLENARY CONFERENCE MENTIONED REFTEL. WE DON'T
KNOW WHO MAY BE ATTENDING FROM DAR. SHERFUDINE KHAN,
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FRELIMO REPRESENTATIVE IN US, LEFT DAR SUDDENLY FEBRUARY 11,
THOUGH HE HAD THAT DAY ACCEPTED DEFINITELY AND WITH
APPARENT PLEASURE A DINNER INVITATION FOR FEBRUARY 13.
MOREOVER, IT WAS ONLY MORNING OF FEBRUARY 12 THAT
FRELIMO FINALLY ADVISED US THAT CONGRESSMAN DIGGS'
INTERVIEW FOR THAT DAY WOULD BE WITH DOS SANTOS RATHER
THAN MACHEL. MACHEL WOULD NORMALLY BE EXPECTED TO GREET
CHISSANO HERE, WERE HE AVAILABLE.

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